

PROJECT FACTS

UNDP Enhancing Communication, Advocacy and Public Participation Capacity for Legal Reform (CAPPLER)



- Total Budget : USD 1,530,732
- Available Budget : USD 1,530,732
- Project Period : 2006 – 2009
- Implementing Partner : Ministry of Law and Human Rights (MLHR)
- Location : National

Background

The quick devolution of central government power in Indonesia since 1999 found provincial and local level authorities unprepared to assume many responsibilities including the drafting and development of local legislation. This has resulted in revocation or review at the national level of over 1,000 provincial and local laws and regulations every year. According to a review, many local laws and regulations are conflicting with national laws and bylaws and are sometimes not in line with basic values such as human rights principles, gender equality and sustainable development. The Ministry of Law and Human Rights (MLHR) is mandated with the responsibility to: (i) Develop legal drafting capacities of state personnel at the provincial and local levels; and (ii) Disseminate human rights and legal information to the media, civil society and the general public. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is assisting the MLHR to fully discharge its mandate through the Enhancing Communication, Advocacy and Public Participation Capacity for Legal Reform (CAPPLER) project. The project is based on the increasing role of MLHR in the development of laws and regulations in Indonesia as mandated by Law No. 10/2004 concerning legislation making.

Objectives

The objectives of the UNDP Enhancing Communication, Advocacy and Public Participation Capacity for Legal Reform (CAPPLER) project are:

- Improved legal drafting abilities on the provincial and local levels of Indonesia with specific regard to human rights, gender and sustainable development; and
- The development of appropriate infrastructure and communication/information management processes, to

facilitate the communication of basic legal and human rights information to the media, civil society and the general public.

Achievements

Since its commencement in 2006, the CAPPLER project has in partnership with the MLHR:

- Developed guidelines on legal drafting at the provincial and district levels to bolster the capacity of state personnel to craft legislation and regulations that take into account human rights, gender equality and sustainable development concerns. Following a participatory approach, the guidelines were vetted through an expert working group and national consultation process involving all levels of government, civil society and academia.
- Distributed these guidelines for state employees involved in drafting legislation at the provincial and local levels at training sessions between July and September 2008;
- Established the MLHR Communication and Information Centre as the gateway of information between the MLHR, the general public, civil society and the media. Now operational, the centre benefits from the development and implementation of standard operating procedures and related communications management processes. The project also trained MLHR staff to manage the center. The operations of the centre will be fully handed over to the MLHR by end of 2008;
- Development of MLHR's public communications strategy in line with the recently enacted Law No.14/2008 on Freedom of Information; and
- Produced and widely disseminated a digital compilation of Indonesian laws and regulations for the period 2004-2006.

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